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**Main Entry: col·loid**

Pronunciation: 'kā-"loid

Function: *noun*

Etymology: International Scientific Vocabulary *coll-* + *-oid*

Date: circa 1852

**1** : a gelatinous or mucinous substance found in tissues in disease (a the thyroid) or normally

**2 a** : a substance that consists of particles dispersed throughout and substance which are too small for resolution with an ordinary light microscope but are incapable of passing through a semipermeable membrane **b** : a mixture consisting of a colloid together with the medium in which it is dispersed <smoke is a *colloid*>

- col·loi·dal /k&- 'loi-d&l, k&-/ *adjective*

- col·loi·dal·ly *adverb*

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Pronunciation: di-'sp&r-zh&n, -sh&n

Function: *noun*

Date: 14th century

1 *capitalized* : **DIASPORA** 1a

2 : the act or process of dispersing : the state of being dispersed

3 : the scattering of the values of a frequency distribution from an average

4 : the separation of light into colors by refraction or diffraction with formation of a spectrum; *also* : the separation of radiation into components in accordance with some varying characteristic (as energy)

5 a : a dispersed substance b : a system consisting of a dispersed substance and the medium in which it is dispersed : **COLLOID** 2b

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